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IRANIAN PRESS ON CIEC

REF:PARIS 33019

1. SUMMARY: REACTION OF IRANIAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS,
KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL ((8) AND TEHRAN JOURNAL (TJ) MARKEDLY
DIFFERENT IN TONE AND EMPHASIS FROM REFTEL. NOT SURPRIS-
INGLY, STRESS HERE FOCUSED ON AMUZEGAR'S "REBUTTAL" TO
KISSINGER REMARKS RE: RESPONSIBILITY OF OPEC COUNTRIES
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FOR WORLD RECESSION.

2. KI AND TJ ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER 17, QUOTED WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS OF KISSINGER SPEECH IN ARTICLES HEADLINED "KISSINGER CHALLENGES OIL PRODUCING NATIONS" AND "NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ON" (KI). DECEMBER 18 PAPERS CARRIED UPI DISPATCH UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLINES "PARIS SUMMIT ON COLLISION COURSE" (TJ) AND "AMUZEGAR HITS BACK AT KISSINGER ON OIL PRICES" (KI). THRUST OF ALMOST IDENTICAL ARTICLES WAS AMUZEGAR'S CONTENTION THAT "THE WEST'S RECESSION HAS BEEN WHOLLY HOME-MADE," AND IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE "FAILURE OF FISCAL AND MONETARY LEADERSHIP" IN SOME INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. HE REPORTEDLY HINTED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS ONE COUNTRY HE HAD IN MIND AND SAID THAT "ALL RAW MATERIAL PRICES SHOULD BE LINKED TO AN INFLATION INDEX." UPI DISPATCH ALSO QUOTED ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFELIKI AS CLAIMING KISSINGER "TURNS NON-TRUTHS INTO TRUTHS," AND CLAIMED AMUZEGAR WARNED U.S. AGAINST ANY IDEA OF USING "FOOD WEAPON" AS POLICY INSTRUMENT. DISPATCH CALLED AMUZEGAR'S REMARKS "THE MOST EXPLICIT REBUTTAL" TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH, IN CONTRAST TO REFTEL REPORT THAT ONLY IRAQ TOOK HARSH LINE. TJ LEAD EDITORIAL DECEMBER 18, HEADLINED "OPEC COMMUNITY REJECTS BLUNT KISSINGER THEORY," SAID AMUZEGAR "CROWNED HIMSELF WITH GLORY" LEADING OPEC ATTACK ON SECRETARY'S SPEECH."

3. COMMENT: TEHRN PRESS COVERAGE DID NOT REFLECT MODERATE TONE OR WELCOMING OF KISSINGER PROPOSALS BY OPEC/LDC SUGGESTED REFTEL. TO SOME EXTENT, OF COURSE, KI AND TJ EACH CREATING SOMEWHAT SENSATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH THEMSELVES BUT POINT IS THAT LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE SUGGEST CONSIDERABLY MORE ACRIMONY IN PARIS THAN REFTEL.
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